

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
STREET COMMITTEE

May 12, 1998
MAG Office Building, Saguaro Conference Room
302 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Ron Krosting, Mesa, Chairman
Floyd Roehrich for Jess Jarvis, ADOT
*William Bates, Avondale
*Delbert Self, Buckeye
*Jonathan Pearson, Carefree
*Phil Hughes, Cave Creek
Ty Hofflander, Chandler
*José Solarez, El Mirage
Warren Sparks, Gila Bend
*Urban Giff, Gila River Indian Community
Gary B. Thomas, Gilbert
Grant Anderson, Glendale
*Larry Martinez, Goodyear
*Susanna Struble, Guadalupe

*Randy Harrel, Fountain Hill
Jim Kary for George Flanagan, Litchfield Park
Chris Plumb, Maricopa County
*William Mead, Paradise Valley
Burton Charron for Dan Nissen, Peoria
Don Herp, Phoenix
Joe LaFortune for Dick Schaner, Queen Creek
*Larry Keeler, Salt River Pima-Maricopa
Indian Community
Bob Brown for Alex McLaren, Scottsdale
Ed VanDerGinst for Harvey Friedson, Tempe
Manuel Dominguez for Ralph Velez, Tolleson
*Don Needham, Youngtown

*Members neither present nor represented by Proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

Erica Martinez, LTAP
Paul Ward, MAG

Anne MacCracken, MAG

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Ron Krosting

2. Approval of the April 14, 1998 Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the April 14, 1998 meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Report on the Status of Federally Funded Projects Programmed for Fiscal Years 1998 through 2000 and the Federal Fund Balances

Anne MacCracken reported that by the end of April all MAG STEA obligation authority was used. She continued to say that the Pima: I-17 to 56th Street project obligated part of the federal funds

programmed and SP 51: Glendale to Bell obligated early. Chris Plumb asked if projects can obligate without Reauthorization. Ms. MacCracken said no.

4. Reauthorization of ISTEA

Paul Ward reported that Reauthorization has not occurred. He said that the House and Senate are continue to be in conference. Mr. Ward continued to say that the delay stems from disagreement on how Reauthorization will affect the Budget. He said that the worse case scenario is that MAG would continue to receive 40 million; and the best case scenario is that MAG would receive 60 million in federal funds. Mr. Ward said that there is some question to the proportion of CMAQ to STP funds MAG will receive because MAG may not continue to receive all CMAQ funds for the State.

5. Forms Required as Part of the FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program Submittal Process.

Referring to Attachment Two, Ms. MacCracken said this form indicates which jurisdiction still need to submit the various forms. Mr. Ward gave a brief explanation of the three forms. He said that the forms will be due in the near future. Manuel Dominguez inquired if the CMS form is necessary for projects that add through lanes using federal funds that are programmed this year. Mr. Ward answered that the CMS form is required for any project that add through lanes using any type of funds and is part of the 1999-2003 TIP.

6. Possible MAG Support for the Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP)

Erica Martinez gave a presentation on the Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP). She said that their program tailors training courses and technical assistance based on the needs of the jurisdictions. Ms. Martinez stated that even though LTAP is housed at ADOT they are a federal program. Manuel Dominguez asked if people can attend even though the training course is being offered in another city or town. Ms. Martinez replied that one can attend courses any where in the State. Chris Plumb asked for the LTAP's phone number. Ms. Martinez said it is (602) 255-8461. Ron Krosting asked if she is looking for support for MAG to participate in LTAP. Ms. Martinez replied that yes that MAG's support will be appreciated. She continued to say that while training is currently free for MAG members, this will change after the first of next year. Mr. Plumb said one of the main problems with LTAP before was that training course were aimed at rural areas which was not useful for jurisdictions located in urban areas. Ms. Martinez said that after MAG members have an opportunity to try the program for a few months, then LTAP will ask for support. Mr. Krosting asked if technical assistance is tracked. Ms. Martinez replied yes. Paul Ward said that in the past MAG as declined to participate in LTAP but now MAG is interested in joining.

8 & 9 Status of FHWA Form 536 for Local Highway Finance Data and Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS)

Chairman Krosting asked anyone objected to combining the two items. Mr. Ward stated that while the deadlines have passed, ADOT still will accept late submittals.

9. Roads of Regional Significance (RRS)

Mr. Ward reported that the Regional Council and TRC has asked which RRS segments are “likely to be implemented.” He distributed a table detailing each segment by jurisdiction. He said that it is up to the Committee to interpret this request for information. He continued to say that this Committee needs to discuss what is the criteria for RRS and the time frame to bring the segments up to the RRS standards. Grant Anderson asked why the Committee needs to discuss this now. Mr. Ward answered that the TRC and Regional Council are requesting this information. There was a general discussion about interpreting this request. Chairman Krosting suggested that if a segment will meet the majority of the standards. There was discussion on the meaning of majority of standards. Chairman Krosting suggested that if a segment will meet the intent of the standard then answer yes to the question of whether the segment is likely to be implemented. Mr. Krosting continued to say that the Committee can answer further questions from the Regional Council or TRC as they arise instead of anticipating their questions. Ty Hofflander asked about segments that may not be continuously developed to the RRS standards. Mr. Ward replied that if a substantial portion of a segment meets the spirit of standards, then answer yes. Mr. Ward said that he will make corrections to the table and send it to Committee members within two weeks.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.